Report on the Activities of the Constantine Karamanlis Professor of Hellenic and Southeastern European Studies, for the 2008-2009 Academic Year

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Teaching

• Course on “European Union Foreign Policy: Theory and Practice”, The Fletcher School, Tufts University, fall 2008.
• Course on “Foreign Policy and the European Union”, The School of Arts and Science, Department of Political Science, Tufts University, spring 2009.
• Nominated by The Fletcher Student Council for the 2009 Paddock Award of excellence in teaching.

Publications


• Opinion article with Jim O’Brien on “EU and US should cooperate with Russia” in EU Observer, on-line news and opinions on EU issues, 24 November 2008.


• Interview on ‘President Obama and Euro-Atlantic relations’, Apogeummatini, Greek daily newspaper, 20 January 2009.

• Article with Constantinos Filis on “Europe-US-Russia on the threshold of a new era?”, in World Security Network, on-line news and opinions on foreign policy and security, 20 April 2009

• Article on “The liberation and tyranny of globalization”, in www.Drivas.org, on-line special edition on the cinematographic work of Georges Drivas, April 2009

• Regular peer reviewer in journals such as Southeast European and Black Sea Studies and Ethics and International Affairs.

Conferences and lectures
• Speaker in a panel discussion “Lessons Learned from Georgia – The impact of the conflict on US-EU-Russia relations” organized by the International Negotiation and Conflict Resolution Program, The Fletcher School, Tufts University, 16 September 2008.


• Delivered the Annual Constantine Karamanlis Chair Lecture on “US-EU-Russia at Crossroads”, The Fletcher School, Tufts University, 10 November 2008.

• Speaker in a panel discussion commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the United Nations Universal Declaration on Human Rights, organised by the Human Rights Project, The Fletcher School, Tufts University, 10 December 2008.

• Guest-lecturer at the Course “International Organisations”, The Fletcher School, Tufts University, 2 February 2009.

• Speaker on “Foreign Policy in the era of the European Union and Globalisation”, organised by the Hellenic Studies Program, Yale University, 6 February 2009.

• Key note speaker on the “Future of Europe” at a dinner-event organized by the Harvard European Studies Group, Cambridge, 11 March 2009.

• Guest-lecturer on the “Geopolitics of South Eastern Europe and the Black Sea regions”, organized by the Harvard Black Sea Program (Harvard Executive Education), Harvard University, 25 March 2009.

• Speaker in the panel on ‘The Political Economy and Geopolitics of Energy in Eurasia”, organized by the Harvard Greek Study Group, Harvard University, 31 March 2009.


• Discussant in a panel on ‘Reforms and European Integration’ of the Conference “Reforms in Greece’ organized by Yale University, 8-9 May 2009.


Sponsored events


• Sponsored and chaired the lecture on “Transatlantic Relations after the US Elections: What does Europe expect?” by Mr Alain Lamassoure, Member of the European Parliament and former French Minister for European Affairs, The Fletcher School, Tufts University, 29 October 2008.

• Sponsored and chaired the luncheon-lecture on “The international order after the Russian-Georgian war”, by Prof. Dimitris Keridis of University of Macedonia in Greece at The Fletcher School, Tufts University, 24 November 2008.

• Sponsored and chaired the luncheon-lecture “Meet the Independent Diplomat” by Mr Carne Ross, Founder and Director of the Independent Diplomat, The Fletcher School, Tufts University, 3 December 2008.

• Sponsored and chaired the luncheon-lecture “Somalia: What can be done in world’s ground zero”, by Dr Karin Von Hippel, Codirector of the Post-Conflict Reconstruction project and Senior Fellow at the International Security Program of the Center for Strategic & International Studies, The Fletcher School, Tufts University, 26 February 2009.
• Hosted guest-lecturer Prof. Dimitris Triantafyllou of Aegean University in Greece in a class on Regional Cooperation of the Seminar “Geopolitics of the Wider South Eastern Europe and the Black Sea Regions”, The Fletcher School, 26 March 2009.

• Sponsored and chaired the panel ‘Minorities Protection: The Lausanne Treaty 85 years later” with Prof. Harris Mylonas and Dr Zeynep Bulutgil, organized together with the Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, Harvard University, 10 April 2009.

• Sponsored and chaired the luncheon-lecture “The Balkans 10 years after the Kosovo Intervention”, by Prof. Aristotelis Tziampiris of the University of Pireas in Greece, The Fletcher School, Tufts University, 14 April 2009.

• Sponsored and chaired the luncheon-lecture “From the Fall of the Berlin Wall to the Economic Crisis: South Eastern Europe 1989-2009 and Beyond”, by Mr Miltiadis Varvitsiotis, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece, The Fletcher School, Tufts University, 23 April 2009.

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